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1. FROM A FRIENDLY EMBASSY WHO HAS OBTAINED INFORMATION FROM UNIDENTIFIED SOURCE, I HAVE LEARNED OF POSSIBILITY OF FOLLOWING ASSISTANCE TO CAMBODIA:
A) THAILAND ALLEGEDLY PREPARED GIVE 50 TRUCKS, PLUS 10,000 KHMER KROM AND MAYBE MORE;
B) JAPAN PREPARED ADVANCE $20 MILLION CREDIT FOR PURCHASE OF JAPANSES GOODS;
C) SOUTH KOREA PREPARED TO SEND 10,000 TROOPS.

2. IN VIEW ABOVE, I BELIEVE IT IS URGENTLY NECESSARY THAT AN EFFORT BE BEGUN TO COORDINATE ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL ASSISTANCE TO CAMBODIA. TO THIS END I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT CHIEFS OF MISSIONS REPRESENTING DONOR AND POTENTIAL DONOR COUNTRIES PHNOM PENH BE ALLOWED MEET AND DISCUSS NEEDS AND WHAT THEIR COUNTRIES INTEND TO DO. OTHERWISE I FEAR WE WILL HAVE EVENTUAL DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS OR NOTHING AS COUNTRIES WAIT TO SEE WHAT OTHERS PLAN TO DO.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER CURRENT ASSISTANCE COMING FROM VIETNAM IS CONSIDERED US ASSISTANCE, VIETNAMESE ASSISTANCE, OR COMBINATION OF BOTH. ALSO, IS THERE TO BE A SEPARATE VIETNAMESE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
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